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Polyengineering of Dothan, has been working on a project scope for the town regarding upgrades to six inch water lines. He said it would probably take a year and a half to get everything in place for that project in which County Road 517 was included.

Mobley said the town actually has three options for County Road 517: 1) It can go ahead now and replace with a three inch line; 2) Put the relocation off and wait a year and a half to put in a six inch line with fire hydrants; or 3) Do both. Fix it now with a three inch line so the county can pave the dirt road. Then come back in a year and a half and reassess for the six inch line.

Water superintendent Ken Fox said all things considered, the town can get pretty close to the deadline mentioned in Tindell's letter if board members approved going ahead with the three inch

line. However, he said weather conditions would have to be considered.

Therefore, he recommended going ahead with the three inch line to allow the county to proceed with it's paving project.

Despite an obvious concern

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attended a water board meeting to discuss the issue with the entire board.

With a meeting of the New Brockton Water Board scheduled for Monday evening, Aug. 9, commissioner Jim Thompson suggested Tindell and commissioners Robert Stephens and Bernest Brooks attend the meeting and try and solve the problem.

Tindell also suggested they, along with Mayor Cole, visit County Road 517 following the commission meeting to discuss it

regarding funds to pay for the project. Board members voted unanimously to relocate the water line on County Road 517 using a three inch line. They will try and meet the time estimated time frame proposed by the county engineer.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

before the New Brockton Water board meeting that evening. In other business, the commission:

* Approved a motion asking Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, Probate Judge William Gammill and Sheriff Ben Moates to come to a commission meeting to publicly present their budget requests for FY2005.



OPEN FOR READING...New Brockton High School media specialist Lori Cotney and many, many volunteers worked diligently throughout the summer to remodel and enlarge the New Brockton High School library. All that hard work paid off last Thursday evening, Aug. 5, as school officials joined community leaders and citizens for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new library/media center, New Brockton High School principal Dale Kelley said the library had needed the improvements for quite some time, and he was pleased to see so many in attendance for the special occasion. Standing close by as Kelley and Cotney cut the ribbon were school board members, city officials, beauty queens and several project sponsors. Receiving special thanks were bronze sponsors - E.C. Shertling (Ed Shertling Ford), Stanley Walker, Terry Sorrells (Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home), Donna Snell, Willie Byrom Jr., and silver sponsors - Propane Gas and Appliance Company Inc., Laymon and Diane Tindol (Early Years Daycare), Greg and Cindy Lee (Lee's Appliance, LLC), James E. and Julia A. Driskell, Sam's of Dothan and Wal-Mart Supercenter of Enterprise. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, those in attendance were treated to refreshments as they took a closer look at the "new" library.

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National Security declares quarterly dividend

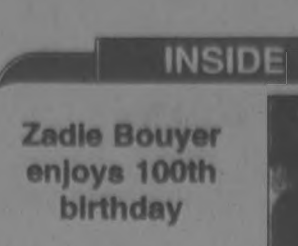
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Residents support chamber's "Dining

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce fed, entertained and delighted those who attended "Dining for Signs" last Thursday evening, Aug. 12, at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue.

Guests were able to enjoy a

catered meal while sitting at interestingly decorated tables. With decorations being left up to the table sponsor, creativity was a major attraction as guests wandered around looking at the various designs and themes.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the purchase of lighted, bricked signs to be

placed at various entrances into the City of Elba. Chamber officials said the signs will serve as enhanced welcoming tools for visitors coming into the city.

Dining for Signs was the first fund raising effort for this project, and chamber officials were overwhelmingly pleased with its success as more than 300 people

Signs" event

attended. Through ticket sales for the dinner, sponsorships, individual donations and an auction of some Alabama/Auburn items, the event raised more than \$8,000 for the sign project.

Denise Sauls, chamber board member, said it is not known at this point exactly how much money it will take to allow the city to place these signs at all entrances; however, she said the wonderful support shown for Dining for Signs will go a long way in helping the chamber reach its goal.

Sauls said the chamber will continue to work on this project until enough funds have been raised to allow the city to construct all the needed signs.

For more information regarding the sign project, call the chamber office at 897-3125.

During Elba City School board meeting Superintendent boasts over smooth start to school year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met on Tuesday, August 10th, when students and teachers had two days of school under their belt.

Superintendent Danny Weeks was elated at the smooth start of school and had high praise for the staff and the Elba Police Department for their professional traffic control and guidance given to drivers on the campus, students, parents and staff alike. Also coming in for credit on the smooth start was the new paved parking lot at the elementary school and drivers fully utilizing the back road in and out of the campus complex.

Initial attendance is down some from last year but board members were told by the Superintendent that it would take several weeks, as usual, for all students to get enrolled in regular classes.

The Board approved the FY 2005 operating budget with an anticipated total revenue of over seven million dollars. Of that total, over four million is in state funds, one million is federal funds and one and a half million of the total Elba City School budget for 2005 is local funds.

The public was invited to budget hearings on Monday and Tuesday evenings, but there were no visitors. Many people have discovered that the local school board has only a very small percentage of this total budget in which they have any discretion in spending. Teacher and support salaries, capital outlay funds, etc. are largely set at the state level or by the legislature. Federal funds are for designated purposes and can't be utilized for other projects.

A soothing figure on the newly adopted budget was that there is no debt service item because the school system is completely out of debt.

The budget calls for the system to complete the year with about two months of operating expenses, as recommended by the state department of education. That amount could shrink if state education funds again are forced into proration.

The board also officially adopted the state salary matrix schedule for the coming year.

Review and approval of the financial statement for the past

month and approval of paying the bills went without disruption. Board members expressed relief that the administrators have gotten the expenses down to within the system's income.

Both the General Fund and the Child Nutrition Fund (lunchrooms) are operating in the black. The balance in the Nutrition Fund dropped by \$30,000 from the previous month but Weeks explained this is due to purchasing food needed to reopen school lunchrooms.

A large portion of the Capital Projects fund will be used in paving the new parking lot at the high school. The board discussed other capital improvement needs, including reroofing both schools. The cost of this for both schools far exceeds the capital funds allocated by the state, and Weeks told board members they would probably have to repair one school roof at the time. Installing metal roofs on both buildings will get prime consideration from board members if it is financially possible.

REMINDER
A meeting regarding the Elba playground project will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. at the park on Claxton Avenue. Rescheduled if raining.

LAUGHTER IN A SMALL PACKAGE...Following the Dining for Signs meal last Thursday evening, Aug. 12, the more than 300 guests were treated to some special entertainment. Alabama Sam, an 8-year-old comedian from Enterprise, brought many guests to tears as they laughed at his varying jokes. The youngster kept the attention of his audience by delivering each and every punchline at just the right time. Also entertaining the crowd was Buck Gaines, who sang several well recognized songs. Additional scenes from the evening can be found on Page 11.

FOEPL plans informative program on usage

Alabama Virtual Library cards available at Elba Public Library

The Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) provides a world of quality library information licensed for Alabama Library Users, and the Elba Public Library now has Alabama Virtual Library cards available.

The cards are needed to gain access to the AVL system which provides quality information at the "click of a mouse." The AVL system connects users to magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs, academic journals, poetry, literature, health, law, science and stories, and it can be done online from home, school or the library computers.

The remote access card allows users to view this information from home, the office or other remote locations, and there is no fee for the card or this service.

Each member of a family is encouraged to register for an individual card which will provide them with their own user name and password.

In an attempt to help local users better understand the AVL system and the importance of

obtaining an AVL card, Friends of the Elba Public Library (FOEPL) will host a program entitled, "Introduction to the Alabama Virtual Library," Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Elba Public Library.

Parents and grandparents are especially invited to attend this informative meeting so they will

Attorney General Troy King appoints Coffee County native Brenda Flowers Smith to head opinions division

Attorney General Troy King last week announced the appointment of long-time Assistant Attorney General Brenda Flowers Smith to be chief of his Opinions Division. Since coming to the Attorney General's Office in 1987, Smith has served as an attorney in the Opinions Division through the administrations of five Attorneys General.

"It is my distinct pleasure to work alongside Brenda Smith when I first came to work in this office several years ago, and I developed a great respect and admiration for her outstanding character and hard work," said Attorney General King. "She is a diligent and thorough legal scholar, and she has a keen mind and a deep devotion to this office and to the people of Alabama. I am delighted that she has agreed to serve this State as chief of the Attorney General's Opinions Division."

A veteran employee of the Attorney General's Office, Smith began her career at the Alabama Supreme Court, first as a law clerk for Justice James H. Faulkner and then as a staff attorney for Justice Henry B. Steagall II. She graduated from the University of Alabama Law

in 1985, and received an accounting degree from the University of Alabama in 1982. She is an active member of the Zonta Club of Montgomery, a service organization of which she is a past president.

Like Attorney General King, Smith is a native of Coffee County and grew up near Elba.

She attended Zion Chapel Elementary School and graduated from Wicksburg High School

in Houston County. She now lives in Montgomery with her husband Ken Smith, who is the deputy director and legal counsel for the Alabama League of Municipalities. They are members of the First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. Smith is the daughter of Juanita Flowers and

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Area Happenings

THE FOURTH ANNUAL "FOGGY BOTTOM" CLASSIC perennial football game will be held Thursday evening, Aug. 19, in Elba at the Elba Tigers host the Highland Home Flying Squadron. The game will be held at Miller Memorial stadium in downtown Elba. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE MULBERRY BALL FIELD in honor of Gaynes C. Waters will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. at the ball field. Everyone is invited.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE in Ozark will be closed Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2 & 3, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

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BRAINSTORMS

with Ferrin Cox

Municipal elections are set for next Tuesday in Coffee County. We urge all qualified voters to make a strong effort to go out and vote. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. But remember, study the candidates and know which ones you want to vote for BEFORE walking into the polling place. It might keep you from making a terrible mistake!

Alan Keyes is running for the U. S. Senate in some state up North... but not his home state of last month. He moved just to get on that ballot after the original nominee resigned following news of a moral scandal in his life, a maneuver Keyes was highly critical of when Hillary moved to New York for the same purpose. Anyway, we suggest Mr. Keyes figure out exactly where his voters are, as The Elba Clipper doesn't need any more of the e-mail press releases to his voters... nor would our support (open or otherwise) do him one bit of good.

Alabama Power Company workers are not in Florida helping with the repairing of destroyed power lines following the terrible storm of last week. The reason given on the tube is that the workers' union is in discussions with the company over a new contract. Please someone tell us that is not the reason for not helping these desperate storm victims! Of course our forefathers had no electricity at all and they survived, but then their stoves were not electric, their food wasn't kept in refrigerators, etc. However, having been in the middle of two disasters in recent years, we know first hand the terrible stress caused by outages of water and power. To think someone would put more importance on waiting for a new contract over helping their fellow human being in dire need - folks that is not any part of the description we have of civilization.

Al Benn's article in Monday's *Montgomery Advertiser* on the new Elba levee is one of the things we enjoy reading. As often as we have heard the positive things about the levee and as many truck loads of dirt we watched being hauled up there, our ears never tire of hearing and seeing them again. Our long time friend Al Benn had said a couple of years ago that he wanted to do a another story when the levee work was completed but he officially retired back to Dallas County last year and our thoughts were that the story would never make the paper. Yet he followed through with his short feature including a picture of a happy Mayor James Grimes standing on the levee. When Benn was discharged from the U. S. Marines his first newspaper assignment was to cover the civil rights marches in Alabama and the ugly violence that sometimes accompanied them. He survived that test of fire, made a career of journalism, retired and yet continues to write those great stories about... Alabama people and things.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one sexual abuse, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of marijuana, one resisting arrest, one theft of property, one attempted suicide, one death investigation, one cat bite and three for driving under the influence.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of marijuana, one for resisting arrest, one for criminal mischief, two for failure to appear and three for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for running a stop sign, six for speeding, one for expired tag, one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, AUG. 9 - Disturbance (verbal) reported at Bragline West 10:25 a.m.; Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at the corner of Hwy. 166 and Marilyn St. (7:30 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 10 - River

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EDITORIAL

Protecting The Homeland

By: Senator Richard Shelby



Senator Shelby

On July 22, 2004, the 9/11 Commission released its report addressing the problems that led to the terrorist attacks, as well as their recommendations for change as our country moves forward. Since the release of the report, Committees in both Houses of Congress have held a number of hearings to analyze and discuss their findings and recommendations. In addition, the Administration has expressed its support for many of the Commission's findings, including the creation of a National Intelligence Director. I believe it is clear that Congress and the White House are committed to ensuring the safety and security of this nation.

Since the release of the Commission's report, the Senate has charged the Government Affairs Committee with drafting legislation to implement the changes necessary in the federal government to prevent the failures of the past from occurring in the future. On July 30th the Committee held its initial hearing to learn first hand from Chairman Thomas Keane and Vice-Chairman Lee Hamilton about the Commission's report. Since that time the Committee has held additional hearings with witnesses from across the federal government to hear their responses to the Commission's findings and to learn what, if any changes their organizations have made since September 11th.

As a member of the Government Affairs Committee, I have participated in these hearings and plan to be actively involved as Congress develops legislation to address many of the failures that led to 9/11. However, as we move forward to make the changes necessary, I believe it is equally important that we not simply react but that we take specific decisive action based on a broad range of knowledge and expertise in order to accomplish the goals set forth. I truly believe that decisions made hastily and without a full appreciation for the consequences may ultimately create more problems than they actually solve. That is why these hearings and the information that we are able to obtain from them are vital to the legislation we ultimately consider.

The 9/11 Commission has said that in order to look forward and make meaningful recommendations, it was necessary to look backward. While it is difficult for many to re-live that day or even recount the years and months

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 • **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
 • **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
 • **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
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 • **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
 • **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
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 • **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
 • **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker.
 • **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

that preceded it, I believe that if we truly want to define our shortcomings it is necessary. One significant shortcoming identified by the 9/11 Commission lies within our intelligence community.

That shortcoming led us to 9/11 and persists still today, despite efforts at reform and integration. While the Commission's report states that "prior to 9/11 no single agency had more responsibility - or did more - to attack al Qaeda... than the CIA" it also lists numerous instances where there was a significant communication breakdown both within the CIA and within the intelligence community as a whole, particularly when it came time for agencies to work together. I believe that the Commission has rightly suggested that massive structural reform of the intelligence community is essential if we expect to properly connect the dots.

The Commission identified no less than five different entities responsible for terrorism analysis located across the government and has clearly and appropriately articulated the need to eliminate this duplication. They suggest the establishment of a National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) to be a center for joint operational planning and joint intelligence. While I agree that the existing duplication should be eliminated in order to maximize efficiencies and minimize interagency friction, I do not believe we should reinvent the wheel in an effort to establish a central facility. I believe that our efforts should capitalize on the important assets of each agency and fully integrate their assets, their information and their personnel. Only after such an integration occurs will our government truly have the capability

to appropriately analyze all of the information it receives.

Going one step further, the Commission recommends that this newly integrated NCTC be overseen by a new National Intelligence Director. The Commission argues that the current Director of Central Intelligence is flush with responsibility and yet has little real control over much of the budget and personnel he is required to oversee. I have long advocated the establishment of a National Intelligence Director - one who holds a cabinet seat, who has strict budgetary control and one who is ultimately responsible for the successes and failures of our intelligence.

The Commission also carefully scrutinized the issue of terrorist financing. This issue, as we all know, is central to the global war on terrorism. Their conclusion that the Central Intelligence Agency relegated minimal resources to tracking terrorist funds and demonstrated little regard for the financial component of terrorist investigations is particularly troubling, although not surprising given what was already known. Further, as Chairman of the Committee on Banking,

which has jurisdiction over many money laundering and terrorist financing issues, particularly oversight of the Bank Secrecy Act and Title III of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, I will continue to investigate the manner by which terrorists use the financial system to facilitate their activities. The Banking Committee has already held a number of hearings on this matter, and will continue to do so, including hearings specific to the information attained by the 9/11 Commission. The Commission's report provides the best available analysis to date on the means by which the 9/11 hijackers funded their activities and operations while in the United States. The use of ATMs, for example, goes directly to the heart of the method by which terrorists

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TOM G. HOOKS

District One's Native Son
ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR ELBA CITY COUNCIL
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Tom G. Hooks plans to be the next city council member for Elba's District One.



Hooks, at 38, was born and raised in District One. He is a product of the Elba Public School system and a proud graduate of Elba High School. After graduating from Elba High School, Hooks volunteered for service in the United States Air Force and married his high school sweetheart, the former Linda Hammonds. They are the happy parents of Thomas Cordell (14) and Cordesia Marolle (10). Both are honor roll students in the Elba Public School system.

After his tour of duty and honorable discharge from the Air Force, Hooks decided to return to Elba and start his family. Hooks looks back on that as a good decision.

"The Air Force offered me exposure that I never had but when I thought about where I wanted to raise my family we chose to come back home," Hooks said.

He says that he and his wife Linda chose to live in District

One because both their families were there and he thought that the values and morals of a small town community would benefit his children as they did him. He also explained that these same values inspired him to run for public office.

"The city of Elba was always an outlet for me as a child," says Hooks. "I played recreational sports growing up and felt safe coming and going. I also felt supported by the community of Mulberry Heights and public school teachers. I feel inspired to give back in some way."

During the 1990's Hooks helped to found the Bro's Club of Elba. A social service organization, the Bro's Club has organized fundraising activities that support an annual youth Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas baskets for senior citizens. Hooks is also a member of the Elba Athletic club, is a Prince Hall Mason at Silver Square Lodge 81 and the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers AFL-CIO.

Hooks says that his vision for District One's council seat is to extend this kind of service to young people and senior citizens.

"I hope to always support the leaders of Elba and motivate the young people of our town," he said. "I see the position of city council member as a way to do just that. I am often inspired by the saying, 'Never forget where you came from and always praise the bridges that brought you over.' This is how I feel about the job and how I have dedicated myself as a citizen and how I will operate as a public servant."

Hooks' goal as council member is to make sure that District One is clean and safe. He also plans to enhance the streets throughout District One and work to improve programs for senior citizens and young people.

While Hooks lives in Elba, he and his wife Linda both work outside of the city. He works with Fort Rucker.

"It is a small sacrifice but we all have to make adjustments," Hooks said. "I first worked at Dorsey Trailers when I returned home but when things were not looking good for the company I ventured out and I have been making the trip to Fort Rucker for 14 years. I'm especially proud of my wife because she chose to get a degree. She is now a Licensed Practical Nurse with Oak View Manor Health Center," he added.

As a student at Elba High School Hooks started out working on cars and now works as a professional mechanic. He compares his ability and interest in rebuilding and making things work in his profession to his pursuit to serve in the District One city council seat. He says, "It is much like being a mechanic in that your goal is to make something work better than it did when you started. That something may never work like it worked when it was brand new but at least you make it better than when you took it into your hands. That is what I do," he said.

Photo: Photo by Tom G. Hooks, 1400 Jones Street, Elba, AL 36323

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Why do people get so overwrought about immigrants? After all, our ancestors were immigrants.

We do have a problem with illegal aliens, but this land has always had that problem. Just ask the Indians.

For the most part, legal immigrants do the work we do not want to do.

Our reactions to immigrants can have disastrous results. The movie, *Gangs of New York*, depicts bloody clashes in the early 1800s between those born here and those who came here.

The Mafia got a foothold in this country because of the way we treated Italian immigrants.

That Japan felt insulted by our immigration policies was part of the reason it attacked Pearl Harbor. Germany, Japan and Italy then had an agreement that if one of the Axis countries declared war against a country,

the others would also declare war.

Thus, we found ourselves, in about a quarter of a century, in another world war. Although we rose to the occasion we were not prepared to enter that war.

Hitler himself feared the United States and didn't want to war against us.

Immigrants have helped us become successful. German scientists brought to the U.S. helped us win the space race to the moon and beyond.

It takes a rebellious nature to immigrate. Look at the first European immigrants in the 1500s. They were rebelling

against something.

That rebellious drive becomes an obsession to succeed and achieve. Our Constitution grew from those things for which these Europeans rebelled.

While we need good immigration policies to ensure positive growth, we should applaud these latter day immigrants.

Chief Anderson
 Ohatchee, Alabama 36271

**EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR**



KEEP-YOUR EYES OPEN... William Bimbo killed this timber rattlesnake Tuesday morning, Aug. 17, after he found it crawling near his yard close to the Basin community. Bimbo said the snake was the biggest timber rattler he had ever seen. It had 17 rattlers and a button. He urged local citizens to keep their eyes open for the snakes which are still very much active.

Kinston's Class of '77 planning reunion

The 1977 graduating class of Kinston High School will hold a class reunion at the high school auditorium on October 9, 2004 starting at 6:00 p.m. All graduates and former classmates are urged to attend. For further information call Bobby Chamblee at 334-684-1991 or Gayle Johnson at 334-493-753.

Interested citizens working to build a new playground for Elba's children

The Kiwanis Club of Elba has teamed up with some local Moms to build a new playground for Elba's children.

The project coordinators are Jill Dunn and Kristin Gunnells. Dunn said \$364 has already been raised for this project with a goal of \$3,000 set to be acquired by September. She said the \$3,000 is needed to pay for a design team.

A public meeting will be held Saturday, Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the park on Claxton Avenue. In the event of rain, this meeting will be rescheduled.

Dunn said the meeting will pertain to fund raising and deciding which company to use to design the park.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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Obituaries

DUVALL KENNETH WISE

Mr. Duvall Kenneth Wise, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, August 12, 2004 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Aug. 14, 2004 at Victoria Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Mack King officiating. Burial followed at Rosin Ridge Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife Clara E. "Tiny" Wise, Elba; one son: Therrell Wise, Kinston, Ala.; two daughters: Jean Clark and Jan Clements, both of Elba; one brother: Pontiel Wise, Montgomery, Ala.; two sisters: Cupidine Crook, Elba; Barbara Jean Perkins, Largo, Fla.; four grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Wiregrass Hospice, P.O. Box 31103, Enterprise, AL 36330.

EMMA JEANE CALLAWAY
 Mrs. Emma Jeane (Fuller) Callaway, age 68, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, August 13, 2004, at her residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

Survivors include her husband: Bill D. Callaway, Elba; one daughter: Terri C. Troncale, New Orleans, La.; one son: Brad (Syd) Callaway, Big Bear City, Calif.; and one granddaughter.

HOWELL SIMS
 Mr. Howell Sims, age 56, of Covington County died August 7, 2004.

Funeral services were held

August 11, 2004 at Nazareth Baptist Church, Opp. with Rev. Teddy Hill and Rev. Darryl Caldwell officiating. Burial followed at Hardin Street Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Adean Sims; one daughter: Salvina Sims (Rev. Jason Thomas, Troy, Ala.); his mother: Innee Sims; two sisters: Judy (Henry) McCord and Carolyn Ann (Sammy) Smith, all of Opp. Ala.

SMITH MARSHALL
 Mr. Smith Marshall departed this life on Aug. 12, 2004. He was born Dec. 23, 1946, in Elba, to Edd Earl Marshall Sr. and Annie Marshall.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16, 2004, at 1 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Elba.

with Pastor Elsie Copes officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Marshall was a graduate of Elba High School and served in the U.S. Army for six years.

Survivors include a sister: Margaret Mosby (Albert) of South Brunswick, N.J.; a brother: Edd Earl Marshall Jr., East Orange, N.J.; an aunt: Fannie Williams, Snellville, Ga.; cousin: Fannie Lois Brooks, Elba.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School bells rang again last week here in Elba and at the Mularz house it means that Dad gets to sleep in a few more minutes each morning. I don't usually sleep any later than usual, but I do get the chance to lie in bed or read the morning paper while I wait for the hot water heater to catch up after the girls take their very long showers. Hey, at least we are all back in a daily routine.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers will return to Miller Memorial Stadium tonight (Thursday) to battle the Highland Home Flying Squadron in the fourth annual Foggy Bottom Football Classic, and while the preseason game gives coaches a chance to see their teams in action before the actual season kicks off, the game means a great deal to both teams and should be a hard-fought affair. Elba will be under the direction of new coach Scott Riels and all Tiger fans are anxious to see if the new coach can return the Tigers to their winning ways of years ago. Coach Riels has said he has installed only about twenty-five percent of his offense and the game plan will be simple. However, if most of the fans are like me we will be looking for enthusiasm and desire from the players when they take the field. Those two traits will tell us all a great deal about the heart and soul of this year's team.

*** The annual preseason game is a fund-raiser for Elba High School and the Elba Athletic Club, and in years past the event has raised an average of almost \$5,000. The Athletic Club operates the concession stands at the game, while the school gets the gate and puts all the funds back into the athletic account. Back when the AHSAA first allowed its member schools to play a preseason game many of the schools declined, but now that the schools have seen others make extra money, it is becoming an annual event for most of the schools across the state. One plus here in Elba is that the preseason game gives all Tiger fans a chance to go back and visit Miller Stadium, the home of the Tigers back in their glory days. I will agree that the old stadium doesn't offer many of the conveniences of the new stadium. However, it is a big part of the tradition of Elba Tiger football, and there is nothing wrong in remembering that tradition.

*** I have talked with our football sports writers in recent days and they are all excited about the kickoff of the new season and confident the teams they cover will enjoy winning seasons. Numbers are up at both Kinston and Zion Chapel, while Brantley has its usual number of players and New Britain is suffering a little with a small squad. It has been many years since the teams in Coffee County were powers in football, but this could be the year the county teams make some noise, and I urge all football fans to get ready and support their teams by attending the games.

*** The Atlanta Braves have begun to pull away from their rivals in the National League East and appear on track to win yet another division title. Several weeks back I wrote the Braves off and made my yearly attack on Bobby Cox and the Braves front office, and just like always the next thing you know the Braves get hot and win the division by a dozen or so games. Maybe I should back off the Braves and write about the other teams in the division for not being good enough to knock off the perennial winners from Atlanta.

*** In closing, the college football season is drawing near and around here it seems like most of the noise is coming from fans of the Troy Trojans about the upcoming visit by the Missouri Tigers. The Tigers could be one of the top teams in the Big 12 this season and will no doubt be the biggest opponent the Trojans have ever played on campus. The Thursday night game will be on ESPN2 and will be viewed by a national television audience, but I have the feeling Movie Gallery Stadium will be packed for the game and Missouri will have its hands full. Troy does have some very tough games on its schedule, including defending national champ LSU, but for now the Trojans and their fans are looking forward to a visit from the boys from Missouri.

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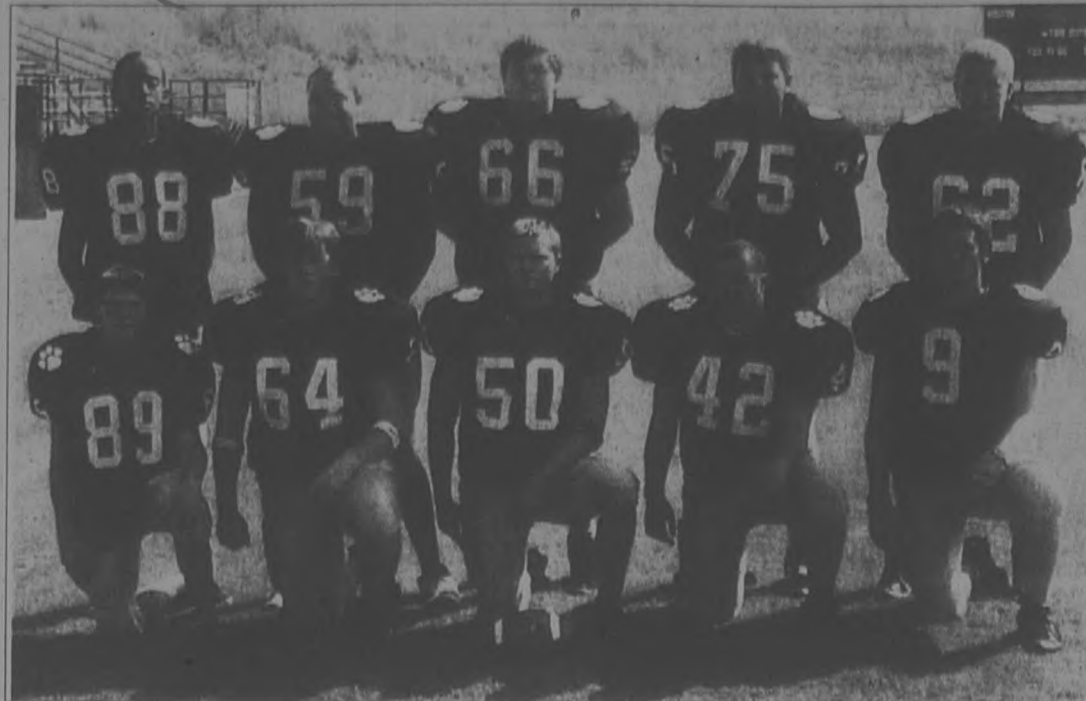
Area football fans will get the chance to satisfy their thirst for high school football action tonight (Thursday) when the Elba Tigers host the Highland Home Flying Squadron in the 4th annual Foggy Bottom Football Classic at Miller Memorial Stadium, in Elba.

The game will kick off at 7:00 PM and is sponsored annually by Elba High School, the Elba Athletic Club and the City of Elba Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Tigers have been dominant in their three previous trips to Miller Stadium for the annual preseason game and have outscored their opponents by a combined score of 73-14. Elba outscored Zion Chapel 33-8 in the inaugural contest in 2001, and followed it up the past two years with wins over Samson 14-0 and 26-6.

This year's battle against the Flying Squadron could prove to be the Tigers' toughest test, however, since Elba is 0-2 against Highland Home on the gridiron and in their only two meetings lost to the Squadron 47-14 in 2000 and 10-7 in 2001.

"Highland Home has a new coach also," stated Elba defensive coordinator Jetey Wise,



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"but their new coach had been there for many years as an assistant and I am sure they will be ready to play. Highland Home has winning tradition and plays in a tough region, and they will come down here expecting to win. With two new head coaches on the sidelines neither team will really know what to expect, and that should make it a little

more interesting for everyone involved." "Coach Riels has worked hard on the offensive side of the ball to install our new look and the players are beginning to catch on," added Coach Wise, in his fourth year as an assistant with the Tigers. "We will have a game plan on both sides of the ball and will play to win, but it

is important that we see a lot of players in a game type atmosphere and see just what we have, and what we need to work on as the season draws near. We will make some mistakes and will have our hands full against a very good opponent. However, we will play to win and will be looking for everyone to play hard on every snap."

At South Alabama Speedway

Duane Bates and Kevin Peel win midseason championships

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway finished up with their Midseason Championship races Saturday night. Duane Bates and Kevin Peel took home the winner's trophies in the Vintage and Modified championship races. In the Vintage Midseason race, Bates took the lead from the outside pole on the first lap and led all the way to take the win. Steve Stewart set fast time in qualifying, but started third due to inversion. Stewart spun on lap three while trying to take away the second spot from Donald DeShazo. Teddy Sasser moved into second on lap six, but Bates was well on his way to victory. With the race going green the final 28 laps, Bates was able to stretch his lead over Sasser to a half straight-a-way at the checkered flag. Stewart was able to come back to finish third. Ted Shivers was fourth and DeShazo fifth.

Peel set fast time in qualifying, but inversion put Terry Malone on the pole. The first few laps of the race featured some very close racing with Malone and outside pole sitter Jamie Ater swapping the lead

for the first three laps. Malone and Ater bumped going into turn three on lap four which sent Ater up the track and allowed Peel to slip into second. Peel began to pressure Malone for the top spot, but Malone was able to hold Peel off each lap. Ater and Ken Gibson got together on lap 22 bringing out the races only caution. On the restart, Malone slipped a bit and he nailed the gas and provided Peel the advantage he needed. Peel jumped to the outside and took the lead coming off of turn two. Peel then pulled away for the win. Gibson came back to finish second with Randy Sherwood third. Bret Hanson was fourth with Ater fifth.

Derek Deese picked up his tenth Street Stock Feature win of 2004. Deese grabbed the lead from the start and led all 25 laps to take the win. Harold Hurt stayed on Deese's bumper for much of the first part of the race. However, Hurt's car began to trail smoke and he retired from the race on lap 16. With his main competition on the sidelines, Deese cruised the rest of the way. Jeff Smith came from the sixth starting spot finish second. Kyle Sims was third, Charles Cotton fourth, and Ray Hudson fifth.

Tim Peters won his second consecutive Roadrunner Feature. Peters had to come from the 15th starting spot to repeat. Peters quickly moved the field, moving into the second spot behind leader Donald Drake by lap nine. On lap 17, Peters went to the outside of Drake, trapping Drake behind a slower car to take the lead. The battle for second was decided by a nose as Jerry Hudson held off a hard charging Jason Singletary. Drake slipped back to fourth in the final rundown. David Scott rounded out the top

five. Joseph Chandler scored an easy win in the Coyote Feature. Chandler was half a lap ahead of second place David Scott at the finish. Scott battled James Hudson for second before taking the spot with two laps to go. Clay Segers was fourth with Tracy Thompson fifth. In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Eric Neudeck led flag to flag to take the win. Burl Brunson finished second, well off of Neudeck's pace. Jerry Peacock was third, followed by Rodney Maloy and Mike Wolfe. For more information, contact the track at (334)565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamaspeedway.com.

Results

Vintage

1. Duane Bates
2. Teddy Sasser
3. Steve Stewart
4. Ted Shivers
5. Donald DeShazo
6. Travis Watson
7. Guy Scarborough
8. O.E. Moon
9. Bob Jones
10. Kip Whitehead
11. Jason Windham

Modified

1. Kevin Peel
2. Ken Gibson
3. Randy Sherwood
4. Bret Hanson
5. Jamie Ater
6. Terry Malone
7. Cameron Page

Street Stock

1. Derek Deese
2. Jeff Smith
3. Kyle Sims
4. Charles Cotton
5. Ray Hudson
6. Dalton Spears
7. Morse Spears

8. Harold Hurt
9. DNS Jason Fowler, Johnnie Brnham

Roadrunner

1. Tim Peters
2. Jerry Hudson
3. Jason Singletary
4. Donald Drake
5. David Scott
6. Robert Colvin
7. Danny Palmer
8. Bill Walden
9. Randy Clemmons
10. Jimmie Hager
11. John Westfall
12. James Cotton
13. Jimmy Smith
14. Bobby Monaghan
15. Joe Baril
16. Tony Tidwell
17. Lee Monaghan

DNS: Danny Monaghan, Jason Monaghan, Joseph Chandler

Coyote

1. Joseph Chandler
2. David Scott
3. James Hudson
4. Clay Segers
5. Tracy Thompson
6. Pebo Smith
7. Dave Bobo

Mini Sportsman

1. Eric Neudeck
2. Burl Brunson
3. Jerry Peacock
4. Rodney Maloy
5. Mike Wolfe
6. Jeremy Peacock
7. Steve Jenkins
8. #22
9. Mike Cherry
10. Dwayne Maloy

DNS: Herdon Bowie

Youth football sign-up to end August 20 in Elba

Registration is now underway for all boys ages 6-12 that wish to play youth football this fall for the Elba Tigers in the Little Trier County Football League.

There are three age divisions for the teams in the league, with the age of a player being determined by his age on August 1, 2004. Boys ages 6-8 will play in the Midget division, while boys ages 9-10 will compete in the Terminate division and boys ages 11-12 will compete in the Pee Wee division.

The 2004 season will begin on Saturday, Sept. 11, and all games will be played on Saturdays, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Practice will begin the first week in August.

Teams on Elba's schedule this season will include New Britain, Zion Chapel, Kinston,

Brantley, Luverne and Pleasant Home, while other teams in the league include Florala, Goshen and Highland Home.

A registration fee of \$20 is required for each player, with complete equipment available for rent from the Elba Parks and Recreation Department for an additional \$20. Registration forms are available at the Recreation office at 704 North

Claxton Avenue, at the Elba City Pool and will be available at all Elba schools.

All boys are encouraged to register as soon as possible to give teams as much practice time as possible prior to the beginning of the season. For more information call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

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SPORTS

Elba Tigers tip-off volleyball season next week with visits to Enterprise and Kinston

The Elba Tiger volleyball team will swing into action next week with a match against cross-county rival Enterprise and a trip to the Kinston Set-Off Tournament, and even though both outings will provide stern tests for the Tigers, with all six

starters returning from last season's team that won a match in the region tournament Coach Amelia Rhoades is confident this will be the season the Tigers to shine.

"These girls have worked hard for the past two years to

become solid volleyball players and I think this will be the season that hard work pays off," stated Coach Rhoades, in her third season at the Elba helm. "We have all six starters back from a year ago and our number one reserve. So, we should know each other and play as a team. We are all looking forward to the beginning of the season and are ready to hit the court."

Leading the Tigers on the court will be Ashleigh Waddail, the team's MVP last season and a "Super 12" selection by The Dothan Eagle. Waddail, a junior, recorded 207 kills, 30 aces and 10 blocks last season in leading the Tigers to a 17-14 record. Waddail was named Elba's Team Captain, Offensive MVP and Team MVP for her play as a sophomore.

Others returning to the Tigers include Kristen Barnes, the team's Defensive MVP last season, along with starters Whitney Lawford, Kendall Stinson, Yolanda Reynolds, Landisay Lawford and Malory Allen.

After opening the season with a match against 6A Enterprise and a visit to the Kinston tournament, the Tigers will also face such teams as 4A Opp, 3A Montgomery Academy, 4A Andalusia and 1A state runner-up Kinston.



2003 Tiger MVP Ashleigh Waddail

Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Common sense will prevent heat related emergencies

The recent cool weather has been a pleasant relief from the heat wave we have been experiencing for some time now. But rest assured that another "Dog Days" heat wave will descend on Alabama this summer.

Every year someone gets into trouble from overheating while engaged in outdoor recreation. We normally think of someone overheating during athletic sports, but mid-summer fisherman and early season dove hunters fall victim to the sun also.

We often hear that someone had a heat stroke and had to curtail their activity for a while. Most of the time when one hears of someone having a heat stroke it is more likely to be a case of heat cramps or heat exhaustion rather than a heat stroke. Heat exhaustion or heat prostration is the most common of the heat-related syndromes. It is brought on by the failure of the cardiovascular responses to control the effects of high external temperatures.

I have witnessed the results of heat cramps and heat exhaustion but never a heat stroke. I overheated while spraying cut over timberland with a backpack sprayer about two years ago. My body was telling me it was time to stop for the day but I only had about a half acre to complete and continued. I soon began to feel weak, developed a headache, nausea and felt as if I was going to faint. After taking a shower and laying on the couch the heat cramps started. I'm not talking about the little cramp you get from stretching in the bed, but one that will bring tears to your eyes.

The two cases of heat exhaustion I witnessed involved very little physical activity. One incident was a fisherman that had just found a good bream bed after fishing for several hours without catching a fish. He said he knew he had been in the sun too long, but just couldn't resist staying on his newfound honey hole.

We normally think of cooler weather when we think of hunting season but hunters can have heat related health emergencies during early dove season too. I was on a stand less than a hundred yards from a hunter who passed out and fell off of his stool in the middle of a field. We got him under a shade tree, sipped him with cool water, and gave him water and Gatorade. He recovered in short order but cut his dove hunt short to seek the air-conditioned comfort of his truck.

We can do little about the outside temperature in which we work or play, but we can minimize our exposure to the most extreme conditions. Try to schedule outdoor activity for the cooler early morning and late evening periods. Wear a wide-brimmed hat, drink plenty of water and utilize shade anytime you can. Above all, listen to your body, and cease physical activity at the first indication of overheating and find a cooler place, fast.

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Date	Opponent	Time	Teams	Location
Aug. 26	Enterprise	4:00	JV-V	Enterprise
Aug. 28	Kinston Tourney	9:00	JV-V	Kinston
Aug. 31	Opp	4:00	JV-V	Opp
Sept. 2	Samson	4:00	JV-V	Samson
Sept. 7	Barbour Co.	4:00	V	Elba
Sept. 9	Opp	4:00	JV-V	Elba
Sept. 13	Enterprise Jr.	4:00	8th-9th	Enterprise
Sept. 14	Zion Chapel	4:00	9th-JV-V	Zion Chapel
Sept. 16	Samson	4:00	JV-V	Elba
Sept. 20	Dauphin Jr.	4:00	9th	Elba
Sept. 23	Zion Chapel	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Elba
Sept. 27	Dauphin Jr.	4:00	9th	Dauphin
	G.W. Long	5:00	9th	Dauphin
Sept. 28	Montgomery Ac.	4:30	JV-V	Montgomery
Sept. 30	Kinston	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Kinston
Oct. 4	Enterprise Jr.	4:00	8th-9th	Elba
Oct. 5	Andalusia	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Elba
Oct. 7	Kinston	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Elba
Oct. 12	Ariton	4:00	JV-V	Elba
Oct. 14	Andalusia	4:00	JV-V	Elba
Oct. 16	Enterprise Tourney	9:00	V	Enterprise
Oct. 18-19	Area Tourney	TBA	V	TBA
Oct. 23	Regional Tourney	TBA	V	TBA
Oct. 28-30	State Tourney	TBA	V	Pelham

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COMMUNITY NEWS

EOCC announces Summer Honor Rolls

Enterprise-Ozark Community College (EOCC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the summer semester honor rolls.

Thirty-one EOCC students earned President's List certificates. These students maintained a 4.00 grade-point-average during the spring semester with a course load of at least 12 semester hours.

President's List honorees include:

From Elba - Patricia E. Bludsworth, Jessica Hegwood, Jasmine Roberts, and John D. Watkins.

The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every semester, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours), who maintain a minimum of 3.50 GPA, but under 4.0 GPA, during the semester. The summer semester list recognized 50 students and included:

From New Brockton - Tiffany Shea and Michael Windham.

From Elba - Clay J. Hegwood, Lon E. Jones, Celia J. Roberts, and Edmund Roberts.

From Kinston - Shannon Oglesby.

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Graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, August 5, 2004.

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Enterprise artists to perform for Coffee County Arts Alliance Pre-season event

Coffee County Arts Alliance opens its 2004-2005 season with a free "Afternoon of Music" performance showcasing two talented local performers. Jeun Jun, classical pianist, and Brad Baker, tenor vocalist, will perform on August 22, 2004 at St. Luke United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. in Enterprise. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.



Jeun Jun

Jeun is a 17 year old senior at Enterprise High School. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1996 from South Korea. Jeun began taking piano lessons eight years ago. Her mentors include Kyungee Kim (her Mom), Dr. Jean Johnson at Enterprise-Ozark Community College and Professor Leonidas Lipovetsky, student of legendary Rosina Lhevinne and teacher of renowned jazz pianist Marcus Roberts.

Jeun's accomplishments are the following: 2001, Sonata Festival winner; 2002, winner of Alabama Music Teacher's Association state competition and third place winner of concerto competition at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa); 2002-2003, first

place winner of the Heifmeister scholarship competition, first place winner of Eunice scholarship competition and second place winner of concerto competition at Sanford University. In 2003 Jeun was a soloist with the Shoals Symphony Orchestra and in 2004 she was a soloist with the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra. She has performed at Boston University Tanglewood Institute, Huntingdon College, Florida State University, Enterprise-Ozark Community College, Gulf Coast Community College and other venues. She is a multi-talented performer who sings with the Enterprise Encores and also plays the flute and organ.

Jeun is the organist at St. Andrews Anglican Church and has served in that capacity for the past six years. She resides in Enterprise with her family.

Jeun Jun will play compositions by Debussy, Chopin and Brahms.



Brad Baker

Brad is originally from Enterprise, AL and is a 22 year old Music Education major currently attending Auburn

University. Brad's father, John, is the choral director at Enterprise High School and his mother, Kim, teaches at Rucker Boulevard Elementary School. Brad has been very involved with music since he was in high school. He was a member of the FFA's String Band and Quartet as well as concert choir and Enterprise's award winning show choir, the Encores.

Brad is in his fourth year as a music education major and is a member of the Auburn University Concert Choir and the AU Singers. He has performed with the singers in places such as New York City on NBC's Today Show, Orlando at Walt Disney World, and Chicago at Lincoln Park Zoo. Last fall, Brad was chosen to sing the National Anthem at Auburn University athletic events. He also performed at Auburn's "Hey Day".

In October of 2003, Brad was chosen as the male representative for the United States to sing in the Rugby World Choir. While touring Australia for 2 months, Brad followed the United States rugby team where he sang the National Anthem at the start of each game. While in Australia, Brad was the featured soloist on many rugby television specials.

Brad is currently the music minister at Liberty Methodist Church in Notasulga, AL. He is also the voice teacher at the Auburn School of Dance and Performing Arts. Brad is very excited to be performing in his hometown. He hopes to further his career in music at Auburn and continue singing for years to come.

Brad Baker will sing Broadway, Pop, and Sacred music and will be accompanied by Patty Mueller on the piano.

3rd annual Miss Labor Day Pageant sponsored by Andalusia Business and Professional Women's Club

Young ladies hoping to pursue college degrees may have another reason to cheer this fall. The Andalusia Business and Professional Women's Club is hosting the Miss Labor Day Pageant August 21, 2004, for ages 0-21. The event will be held at Lurleen B. Wallace (L.B.W.) Dixon Center.

Miss Labor Day Queen, 2004 in the 17-21 age category, will receive a \$250.00 Scholarship with her first alternate receiving \$150 scholarship and her second alternate receiving \$100 scholarship.

There will be a \$50.00 savings bond, banner and trophy awarded to each queen in all

other categories. All first and second alternates will receive a banner and trophy. A memorable picture frame and banner will be awarded to each contestant that is named Miss Photogenic for their division.

Categories are as follows:
Baby Miss (0-18 months); Toddler Miss (19-35 months); Tot Miss (3-4 Years); Tiny Miss (5-6 Years); Petite Miss (7-8 Years); Mini Miss (9-10 Years); Junior Miss (11-12 Years); Pre-Teen Miss (13-14 Years); Teen Miss (15-16 Years); Miss Labor Day (17-21 Years).

For application request or information concerning the pageant you may contact Tina O'Neal 334/222-8401 days or 334/493-6393 evenings and/or Edra Jones 334/222-1168 days or 334/858-6186 evenings.

Elba Elementary School Menu August 23-27, 2004

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Filet Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chili w/ Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Egg, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hamburger Helper, Green Salad, Corn, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hoagie, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Apple Crisp, Milk

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New Arrival

CAYDEN MATTHEW DOWNING



Cayden Matthew Downing

Matthew Downing and Kasey Grantham announce the birth of a baby boy, Cayden Matthew Downing, born July 20, 2004 at 9:05 p.m. in Enterprise Medical Center, Enterprise, Ala. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Jeff and Kathleen Harden of Jasper TN, formerly of Elba, and Jr. and Shannon Riggle of New Brockton, AL. The great grandparents are Dorel Kelley and the late Annette Kelley of Elba, Ala.

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the late James H. Flowers, and the granddaughter of Noni Marx and the late Harold Fuller, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Flowers, all of Coffee County.

Smith was chosen to head the Attorney General's Opinions Division upon the retirement of Assistant Attorney General Carol Jean Smith. Brenda Smith praised her predecessor as "a friend and advisor to almost

every probate judge, mayor, city councilmember, city clerk, and city attorney in Alabama for the past 30 years. Her contributions to this office and the State have been immeasurable. I am proud to follow in her footsteps. I thank Attorney General King for his faith in me, and I commit to him and the people of Alabama that I will serve with loyalty and dedication.

Representative Terry Spicer elected chairman of Southern Legislative Conference Education Committee

Representative Terry Spicer, D., Elba, was elected chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference's Committee on Education during their annual meeting held August 14-17, 2004 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Spicer's selection marks the first time in more than 20 years that an Alabama legislator has been selected to chair a Southern Legislative Conference committee.

"I am honored that fellow legislators from southern states would elect me to this leadership position," stated Rep. Spicer. "Preparing our state's children to compete in the global economy is among the most important challenges facing government leaders today. The Southern Legislative Conference's Education Committee provides a forum in which legislators from other states can discuss successes and failures in education policy. By listening to legislators from other states discuss education policy failures, we, hopefully, can avoid mistakes and implement more successful education initiatives here at home."

According to former Chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference and Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, Seth Hanmatt, D., Andalusia, "Terry has also been appointed to serve on the Alabama Education Finance and Appropriations Committee where he chairs the sub-committee on Health Insurance Cost Containment. During his tenure in these leadership positions, he has served the House and his constituents well. I am confident that Rep.

Spicer will be an asset to the Education Committee."

Rep. Spicer was nominated to chair the committee by Senator Alice Hartin of Mississippi. According to Senator Hartin, "When it came time to elect a new chair of the Education Committee, I could think of no other person who would serve the needs of the committee as well as Terry. His willingness to share ideas, knowledge of education issues, and active involvement with the Southern

Legislative Conference made him a natural fit to lead this committee."

"It is important that we share ideas with legislators from other states," continued Senator Hartin. "When we work together, we not only help to improve education within our respective states, but the entire region."

During the 2004 conference, the Education Committee heard presentations on "Closing the Educational Gap," the Alabama Reading Initiative, and the No Child Left Behind federal legislation.

The Southern Legislative Conference is one of four regional legislative groups, non-profit and non-partisan, which operate under the Council of State Governments. The Conference is made up of 16 Southern states.

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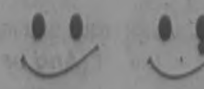
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WHAT A MILESTONE! Mrs. Zade Bouyer, a resident of the Elba Nursing Home, certainly had plenty to celebrate Tuesday, July 27, 2004 as she turned 100-years-old. In honor of this wonderful occasion, the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home hosted a birthday party for Mrs. Bouyer. Joining the "birthday girl" for the party were her daughter, Chris Jacobs, granddaughter, Judy Irvin, close friends and neighbors, Allene Lee and Mary Kelley, and many other friends. Also attending the party were 35 residents of the nursing home. Everyone enjoyed refreshments including birthday cake and chips.

4th Annual Foggy Bottom Classic
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New laws bring changes in motor vehicle registration procedures, Jan. 1, 2005

Recent legislation passed during the 2004 Regular Session makes some sweeping changes in Alabama's motor vehicle registration laws, effective Jan. 1, 2005, specifically relating to prorated registration fees and vehicle registration expiration periods, according to the Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR).

Under current law, a vehicle owner is allowed to prorate the vehicle's registration renewal fees by submitting a non-use affidavit to the county license plate issuing official if the vehicle is out of service at the start of the owner's 12-month registration period. Act 2004-292 eliminates the prorated fee provision for all vehicles except motor homes, farm trucks, and newly-acquired vehicles, effective Jan. 1, 2005.

The ADOR advises commercial and private vehicle owners to pay special attention to the prorated fee provision. Other than the exceptions noted, owners whose vehicles are out of service at the time of their registration renewal month and who wait until after Jan. 1, 2005 to register their vehicles will be charged fees for the full 12-month registration year, plus delinquent penalties and interest. Act 2004-292 prohibits the proration of registration fees, beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Another important change, according to the ADOR, involves the vehicle's registration expiration date. Under current law, an owner's motor vehicle registration expires on the last day of the month before the owner's registration renewal month begins. In effect, the owner's registration expiration date and the owner's registration renewal month are not the same dates under current law. The new law, effective Jan. 1, 2005, changes the owner's expiration date to the last day of the owner's renewal month, thus making the two dates—expiration date and renewal deadline date—the same for the owner.

To accommodate changes made in the registration expiration date, Act 2004-554 changes the owner's registration period to begin the first day of the month following the owner's renewal month. It does not change the

owner's renewal month—only the registration year.

"Vehicle owners will continue to renew their license plates as they do now," explained State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees. "Vehicle owners will see no changes in their vehicle's renewal month or in the amount of registration fees paid over their 12-month registration period; they will only note a change in their registration periods as shown on their motor vehicle registration receipts."

According to the ADOR, these changes bring Alabama's motor vehicle registration expiration and renewal periods more in line with other states and provide for more uniformity among state motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies.

For more information concerning Alabama motor vehicle registration requirements, contact the department's Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 242-9000.

USDA Rural Development offers no down payment home loans

Families and individuals in Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties have the opportunity to become

homeowners through USDA Rural Development's homeownership program. USDA Rural Development's Direct Loan Program is available to qualifying applicants in rural areas to purchase an existing home, construct a new home or to make improvements to an existing home.

"USDA Rural Development's home loan program is a vital part of President Bush's efforts to grow homeownership while creating jobs and stimulating the economy," said Steve Pelham, state director of USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development is proud to play a key role in the record setting housing market that has flourished during the past three years. Homeownership is the best available tool for most Americans to build equity, provide security for their family and become a vested partner in their community."

Typically, no down payment is required and the applicant can borrow up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property. Based upon the applicant's household income, some loans have an interest rate as low as one percent. Income limits vary from county to county and are based on the number of people in the household and the median income for the county.

The property to be purchased must be located in a rural area, which includes all of Coffee, Crenshaw, Geneva and Pike counties and all of Dale County except for areas in and around Napier Field and Grimes. Additional eligibility requirements include having an acceptable credit record and adequate income to repay the housing loan plus other living expenses.

The USDA Rural Development office serving Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties is located in Ozark. For more information on USDA Rural Development's homeownership programs, call the Ozark office at (334) 774-4926, ext. 4.

ABTT searching for oldest restaurants

The Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel is searching for the oldest restaurants in the state. ABTT is also looking for any restaurant, regardless of how long it has been in business, which is located within a historic home or historic building. Anyone with information about possible restaurants to include in the two lists should contact ABTT at 1-800-ALABAMA.

"We are building two lists: one for the oldest restaurant and one for restaurants in old, historic buildings," said Lee Sentell, director of the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel. "We have identified a dozen restaurants that have met the 50-year mark," he said, "but we want to make sure we have done an exhaustive search."

He said the agency would break down the list into three timeframes: 25 years or more, 50 years or more, and 75 years or more. He said the agency is compiling the information to post on its Web site, www.800Alabama.com.

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Grimes elected to third term as Mayor of Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Registered voters within the City of Elba let their choice be known Tuesday, Aug. 24, as the city held its municipal elections. Offices up for election included mayor, city councilman for district one, city councilman for district two and city councilman

for district three.

The mayor's race found two-time incumbent James Grimes facing Randy Bedsole.

A total of 1,127 unofficial votes were cast in this race with Grimes receiving the majority at 644. Bedsole received 483 total votes.

Of the three city council dis-

trict races up for election, only one incumbent was re-elected by the voters.

Incumbent David Bandstra was elected to serve his second term as Elba City Councilman for District Two. There were 347 votes cast in this race with Bandstra receiving 267. His opponent Helen Farris received

80 votes.

The voters of District One elected the challenger Tom Hooks to serve as their councilman for the next four years.

There were 250 votes cast in this district race. Hooks

received 152 votes while Burch received 98 votes.

The closest race of the day was that of city council, district three with only 13 votes separating the two candidates.

David Bandstra

however, it was political new-

comer Mike McKee receiving the nod with 114 votes.

Incumbent H.H. "Junior" Culliver received 101 votes.

The newly elected officials will take office in October.

Mike McKee

in October, McKee will join Harold Spicer, city councilman for District Four, and Ronnie Hammond, city councilman for District Five, in leading the City of Elba for the next four years.

Tom Hooks

Spicer and Hammond already were declared winners in their districts since neither had any opposition.

The following is a breakdown of the mayor's race by districts:

District One

James Grimes 87

Randy Bedsole 158

District Two

James Grimes 239

Randy Bedsole 94

District Three

James Grimes 122

Randy Bedsole 93

District Four

James Grimes 94

Randy Bedsole 36

District Five

James Grimes 85

Randy Bedsole 94

Absentee Ballots

James Grimes 17

Randy Bedsole 8

Several citizens ask Elba City Council to reconsider ballpark idea for Smith Avenue

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council heard "not in my back yard" complaints at the Monday night meeting.

Former Elba Mayor Fred Moore led a group of five people who were protesting the vote at a previous council meeting to seek a grant to build some public ball parks on Smith Avenue. The area selected is property the city acquired as part of the buy-out program, following the flood of 1998.

Moore opened his presentation with a promise to the council that he wasn't at the meeting to raise funds.

He explained that he had read in the newspaper that the council was applying for a grant to build a ballpark on Smith Avenue. He said this would be 125 feet from his front door and it would add lots of traffic and trash to the area. Moore asked the council to disapprove the location.

He added that he was in favor of the ball parks, but not that location. With Smith Avenue

now being a dead end street, he thinks park visitors could only park in the streets and feel it there is enough extra land behind the swimming pool.

The former mayor attempted to get the council to vote on his request to reverse their decision Monday night, but by unanimous vote the matter was tabled.

Mayor James Grimes assured the group that the council would take their concerns under consideration. He added that lots of things, including approval of the grant request, must come together for this new ball field to come about.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported to the council of an approved equipment grant through the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). The \$50,000 worth of equipment will upgrade the communication capabilities of the department.

During emergencies they can keep police, fire and rescue workers in contact with each other. They can also work with

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Coffee County Commission hears budget requests

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Requests to consider during budget hearings headlined the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Aug. 23, as three county officials made presentations for their departments as well as a representative for a local emergency medical service provider.

Bill Dean, treasurer for the CCEMS Inc. board, addressed commissioners and said he wanted to update commissioners on the organization's current status and make a budget request.

Dean said the non-profit organization of CCEMS Inc. took over operations of the local ambulance service located in

Elba on Nov. 1, 2003. Before that time, the operation was a privately owned for-profit business.

"When we took over, we had no cash, we had nothing," Dean said. "We knew we could not operate as the business had in the past, so we started cutting expenses."

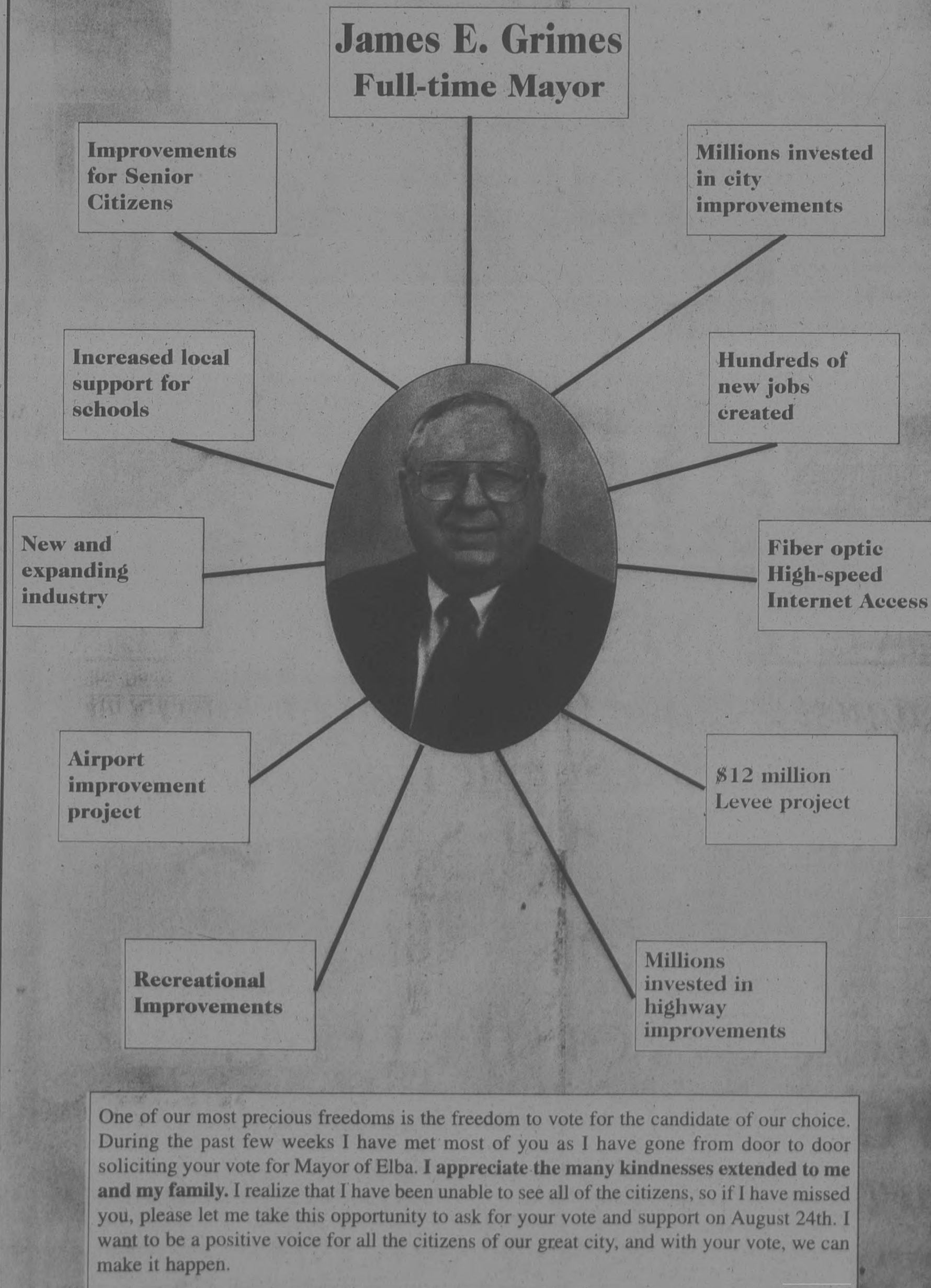
For some time now, Dean said the organization has been able to operate at a break even mode. He said this is something the organization would not have been able to do without the help of the City of Elba, Coffee County Commission and private donors.

Dean especially thanked commissioners for a \$6,000 donation it made to help the organization purchase software for billing. He said being able to do the billing in-house has cut several thousand dollars in yearly expenses.

Through the various cuts made by the organization's board, Dean said CCEMS is at this time able to handle its monthly expenses; however, board members believe the upcoming year will reveal increases in fuel, insurance and other related expenses that will require additional funding.

Therefore, he asked commissioners to consider increasing its monthly financial support for ambulance service for county residents by 6 percent. He said this will bring the county's cost

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One of our most precious freedoms is the freedom to vote for the candidate of our choice. During the past few weeks I have met most of you as I have gone from door to door soliciting your vote for Mayor of Elba. I appreciate the many kindnesses extended to me and my family. I realize that I have been unable to see all of the citizens, so if I have missed you, please let me take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support on August 24th. I want to be a positive voice for all the citizens of our great city, and with your vote, we can make it happen.

PS: Pol. Adv. by James E. Grimes, P.O. Box 561, Elba, AL 36323

Area Happenings

THE ELBA/TROY UNIVERSITY CLUB will hold its annual membership meeting Thursday night, August 26 (tonight), at 6:30 p.m. at Elba Country Club. Food, refreshments, door prizes and fun for all. All members and friends of TSU are urged to attend.

FRIENDS OF THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOEPL) will host a program entitled, "Introduction to the Alabama Virtual Library," Thursday, Aug. 26 (tonight), at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Elba Public Library.

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON will begin Friday, Aug. 27, with all local teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Brantley to take on the Bulldogs, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Zion Chapel to meet the Rebels and the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Union Springs to meet the Bullock County Hornets.

THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE in Ozark will be closed Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2 & 3, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

WIREGRASS HOSPICE INC. will conduct its monthly GriefShare group meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. in the community room of The Citizen's Bank, 301 S. Edwards St. (near the courthouse), in Enterprise. This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Catrina Arnold at 347-3353.



HERE COME THE TIGERS...Elba football players, coaches, cheerleaders, band members and fans made that annual trip down memory lane last Thursday evening, Aug. 19, when the Elba Tigers played host to the Highland Home Flying Squadron for the fourth annual Foggy Bottom Classic at Miller Memorial Stadium. Although "Foggy Bottom" continues to have a special place in the heart for many Elba supporters, it has not been the home of the Elba Tigers since the end of the 1992 football season. Instead, the stadium now is used mostly for recreation league football games. However, last Thursday evening's preseason game marked the fourth year in a row Elba supporters have returned to 'ole foggy bottom for another Tiger showdown, and the game certainly lived up to the reputation of the past as the Tigers and Flying Squadron kept everyone excited until the very end.